

24 April 2006

## **HSBC BANK CANADA PUBLISHES ANNUAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY STATEMENT**

HSBC Bank Canada, its subsidiaries and affiliates have published their fourth annual Public Accountability Statement entitled, *HSBC Bank Canada in the Community 2005*. The document is available online at [hsbc.ca](http://hsbc.ca).

Lindsay Gordon, President and Chief Executive Officer of HSBC Bank Canada, said: “HSBC Bank Canada is committed to sharing our success by assisting deserving organizations with charitable donations, sponsorships and volunteers. Helping these organizations is the continuation of a longstanding tradition within the HSBC Group of giving back to the communities where we operate. This publication illustrates our dedication to corporate social responsibility in Canada.”

*HSBC Bank Canada in the Community 2005* includes information on our community projects and sponsorships that focus on education and the environment, our commitment to our employees and customers, and our support for business customers.

Printed copies of this publication are also available at any branch of HSBC Bank Canada.

HSBC Bank Canada, a subsidiary of HSBC Holdings plc, has more than 170 offices and is the leading international bank in Canada. With around 9,500 offices in 76 countries and territories and assets of US\$1,502 billion at 31 December 2005, the HSBC Group is one of the world’s largest banking and financial services organizations.

### **Media Enquiries:**

Ernest Yee  
Assistant Vice President, Public Affairs  
(604) 641-2973

Sharon Wilks  
Senior Manager, Public Affairs  
(416) 868-3878